



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

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Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: January 1, 2020 Time: 7:42PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 3380 Retriever Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 200002707

Cruiser District: 202

Victim: Nerissa Distin

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 33

Victim: Serina Morris

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 2

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Gary Morris

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 42

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On January 1, 2020, Columbus Fire responded to 3380 Retriever Rd on a residential fire. Upon arrival, they found the home engulfed in flames. During the course of fighting the fire they discovered the three victims inside the residence. Victim Nerissa Distin and Gary Morris were pronounced deceased at 7:40PM, and The juvenile victim was pronounced deceased at 9:23PM. As a result of the Arson/Fire Investigation, the Columbus Police Homicide Section was called out to investigate this incident as a suspicious death. This incident is still under further investigation at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

These will be the 1st and 2nd homicides of 2020.

Detective Heather Collins is the lead Detective on the case being assisted by Det. Glenn Bray.

****UPDATE -** The victims, Nerissa Distin and Serina Morris, are now being considered the subjects of homicide investigations. Preliminary investigation efforts have determined that Gary Morris' actions resulted in his own death.

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